

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Sunday school prayer meeting, Sabbath, at 7 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 8.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 12 m. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D.D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 7.30 p. m., except first Sunday in month, when it is at 3.45 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

HOPE CHAPEL.—Sunday school every Sabbath at 3.30 p. m. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 a. m. High mass, 10.30 a. m. Vespers, 3 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATKINS M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watkins).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 9 a. m. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 p. m. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Saturday evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, teacher. Held at Chapel room of Park M. E. Church every Friday evening during the month of January. Commencing at 8 p. m. All interested in the Sunday-school lessons are very cordially invited to attend.

Pulpit Thoughts.

Before the sermon at the First Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ballantine, read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Abbeville, South Carolina, thanking the Sunday-school for a box of Christmas presents, received by him on December 29th. There are in the schools connected with his church 72 scholars, and the presents were nearly sufficient to go around three times. They were placed on Christmas trees, and when the scholars were assembled, they enjoyed a complete surprise the reception of the box having been known to none except the pastor, his wife and the superintendent. A most enjoyable time followed; singing, declamation and the distribution of the presents forming the exercises. Mr. Williams' thanks were most hearty, and he expressed the earnest belief that the giving of these presents would do much good toward extending the influence of the school throughout that community.

The sudden death of two members of the congregation and the serious illness of a third, was the occasion of a special sermon by the pastor on "The Mystery of Sorrow." Taking for his text Cor. II, 1-4, he showed the universality of sorrow. Like the common elements oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, it is all pervasive. The presence of sorrow in the world is due to sin. In heaven there shall be no sorrow, because there is no sin. Sorrow and death are cured by like remedies. The cure for death is found in the death of our Lord Jesus Christ; sorrow is healed by that godly sorrow, which leadeth to repentance.

Special sorrows are not to be attributed to special sins. Some have said in affliction that they felt as though God was punishing them for something they had done. Job's friends said that God was punishing him for hidden sins. But Job, full of conscious rectitude, declared, "Miserable comforters are ye all."

Sorrow has its uses. If the sun always shone, we should not realize the vastness of the universe, as when we see the stars at night. The infliction of pain upon a child is its first lesson of the moral earnestness of the parent.

Sorrow teaches reliance upon God. When a bridge is building the centre span is supported on timbers. It is only when complete that the supports are withdrawn, and it turns upon the centre pivot. If we might suppose it a thing of life, we might imagine that it would complain at the removal of

these, lest it fall into ruin. Yet the grace the beauty and usefulness of the bridge would be lacking should these be permitted to remain. So we rely upon friends and earthly supports until they are taken from us, when we fall back upon God alone. Only the architect can tell when the bridge is ready to part with its scaffolding, and only God knows when it is safe to deprive us of earthly support. As the gardener uses the pruning knife upon the branches of the tree, so God chastens his children. However it may be with the world, God has a right to smite His own children to sorrow, for Christ has redeemed them with His blood. It sometimes happens in a community that one or more families are living in worldliness. Troubles come upon them but they do not turn to God. Afflictions then are sent upon Christian families. Blow follows blow, and sorrow is heaped upon sorrow, that by their spirit of meekness, of submission, of faith and trust, that may lead these to see the beauty of holiness. So God "comforteth us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." The evening services partook of the same solemn and impressive character. The organ loft was draped in black, in memory of Mrs. H. G. Oakes, who was a member of the choir.

Impressions.

"One needs travel to see his own smallness." So said Sydney Smith, and the knowing world generally agrees with him. The dog on his master's ground barks with his own importance at the approach of a stranger, but let him become a wanderer, and he readily strips himself of his bark on finding the world is composed of more strangers than he thought. The country clown is an oracle in his village, and can swear more to the square inch on his own importance than can the denizen of the neighboring town; it only requires a visit to the city to teach both that there are sharper fellows than they. So, one accustomed to going to business daily over the one railroad believes it the climax of convenience and beauty. We have, in this manner, become so infatuated with the conveyance that takes us to the city in pursuit of perspiration to make our daily bread, that we do not wish to believe the stories of other travelers. We have had the locomotives of our trains laughed at and derided when their great age and consequent defects should have engendered respect; these very scoffers will draw attention to the honorable scars and patches that a quarter of a century will bring, and ask "where were they when Moses was born." So also with the cars, they smile at the well-worn seats when they should recognize how much more comfortable is an old than a new slipper; they are not satisfied when the porter makes the stove red-hot on a warm day, or leaves it to a dying fate on a cold one; they can find no excuse when their fate brings them near the window that has worn so loose as to admit the cold blasts of winter, or that has become so fast it cannot be raised to the cooling breeze of summer; they grumble at the tuppenny dips that, while making the darkness visible, hides the bloom on one's nose, or the scowl on the other fellow's face when you want to share the seat with him; they perpetually want something more and something better, and they will insist that on their travels, except it might be in some benighted out-of-the-way place, where the news of Blaine's defeat has scarcely reached, that worse locomotives, more ancient cars, and poorly lighted ones as that, are not to be found; To them travel has not improved their patience, but made them restive; to us, the untraveled of Bloomfield, we submit cheerfully, and thank the Directors that they do not put us upon one candle only, and that they run more than one train after nightfall. X. L. P.

Proposed Legislation.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate this week were the following:

Giving to persons supplying information on which parties are convicted of crime one-half the fine.

Giving telegraph and telephone companies full authority to place their wires from and to whatever points may be desired.

Requiring the election of marshals and chiefs of police in cities of the fourth class.

The following were among the bills introduced in the Assembly:

Abolishing the death penalty and substituting imprisonment for life.

Authorizing freeholders to pay half the expense of manumitting roads.

Requiring the Union County Overseers of Highways to remove briars, thistles, etc., and improve the roads, the taxpayers to foot the expense.

Amending the act against the use of toy pistols, so that persons shall not sell, hire, or loan them.

Requiring village and borough officers to file bonds.

Mayor White.
 ASSOCIATED WITH PROF. COLEMAN IN THE CONDUCT OF COLEMAN'S BUSINESS COLLEGE AT NEWARK—HIS RESIDENCE TO BE CONSIDERED AT FORT KEEF.
 Ever since Mayor White dissolved his connection with Eastman College in this city, there have been rumors concerning his future designs, but those rumors have been unreliable. The matter has now been definitely settled, and as the Mayor stands among our foremost citizens, his movements are of general interest. The Poughkeepsie Eagle contained an authentic announcement of the details of the new business relation which Mr. White has formed, and we give the article, well knowing that it will be read with deep interest by our readers, among whom Mayor White has many warm friends. "Ezra White, formerly President of Eastman College, has associated himself with H. Coleman, of the Coleman Business College, located at Nos. 703, 707, 711, and 713 Broad street, Newark, N. J. The co-partnership was formed on Tuesday of this week, under the firm name of White & Coleman. Mr. White has already become acquainted with the faculty of the Newark College and with the students of the institution, numbering at present over 200, to whom he was formally introduced as its President.

Mr. White, when quite a young man, finished his education at Franklin College Institute, Steuben county, N. Y., being five years in the Institute; after which he was a teacher in private schools for a year. He came to Poughkeepsie as a student of Eastman College in the spring of 1862, and after finishing the prescribed course of study, was employed as one of the teachers for a period of two years. In 1864 he succeeded C. R. Wells as Secretary of the College, and held that position until 1874, when he was made Principal, which place he held until after the late lamented H. G. Eastman died, when Mr. White succeeded him to the Presidency, holding the latter position until Nov. 24th, 1884, when he resigned.

He was a member of the Poughkeepsie Board of Education three years, has been Mayor of the city for two terms, four years, and was again elected Mayor in November last, and will take the oath of office on January 1st, 1885. He is Vice President of the City National Bank of Poughkeepsie, one of the Directors of the City Railroad, and is President of the Board of Health.

No man who was ever elected to office by the people of this city has a better or a cleaner record. While his business interests will be confined to Newark, he will not give up his residence here, but will be here whenever the duties of his office demand his attention. As a citizen, as a public officer, and as one who has the interests of Poughkeepsie at heart, we wish him the greatest success in his new undertaking, and so do all of his large circle of acquaintances, both in public and private life. He has had a large experience in the important work of giving the young men of the land a practical and thorough business education, and as such an educator is well and favorably known from Maine to California. Good day, Mr. Mayor, and Good luck."

The article entitled "Food Frauds" circulating through the newspapers and intended to appear as the views of the press is an advertisement of the Royal Baking Powder Co. Its object is to divert the attention of the public from the recent exposure in the publication of the certificates of some of the leading chemists in the country showing the presence in the Royal Baking Powder of Ammonia, a drug of disgusting origin and unfit for use in food.

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Miscellaneous.

In many sections of India boys are brought up as professional robbers, with no idea that it is wrong to seize the property of another. There are men in this country who walk off with a bank's deposit in a way to beat India all hollow.

Sir George Rose Sartorius, the senior admiral of the British navy, has just completed his ninety-fourth year. He has been eighty-three years in the navy. He is the only surviving officer who took part in the battle of Trafalgar.

Recent statistics as to the employment of women in England reveal the fact that there are 347 female blacksmiths who actually swing the heavy hammers, and 9,198 women employed in nail-making, who make nails for horse shoes.

Past and present: Fraulein Bertha—"I say, what a handsome fellow Lieutenant Von Heibem used to be." Fraulein Lina—"And isn't he now?" Fraulein Bertha—"Ah! but you know he has been engaged for the past three weeks!"

"I have concluded not to go to the play to-night," said Fixton to Mrs. F. "I want to see a friend down town, and besides, you know, it's a little damp, and you might catch cold, dear." Mrs. F.—"Catch cold! You humbug, your first thoughts are always for yourself." Fixton—"Yes, dear, and my second are for you. And second thoughts, you know, are always the best."

Score one for the American woman abroad. Despatches from Paris state that at the opening of the Italian opera season in that city the Americans outstripped their sisters of the Old World in good looks and gorgeous array.

There is nothing like "trying." It is related of Rev. Phillips Brooks that he conferred with a distinguished doctor of divinity

and asked him what he thought of his trying to preach. "You might try," was the not very encouraging reply. He did try.

A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the want of a little courage. The fact is that to do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering, and thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can.

"Johnny, what would you do if you were to see a bad boy stealing some fruit?" asked an Austin Sunday-school teacher of the best boy in the class. "Would you not tell him he was doing wrong?" "Yes, indeed I would; and if I didn't make a fair divide I'd tell the storekeeper."

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